

NPM #8: The rate of birth (per 1,000) for teenagers aged 15 through 17 years.

Impact on National Outcome Measures: Wisconsin's 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reveals that 36.8% of students have ever had sex (down from 47% in 1993). Also, 21.9% of students had sex before the age of 16 (down from 33.4 in 1993). Wisconsin's teen birth rate for 2002 ages 15-17 was 16.0 (Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths, 2002) while the United States' teen birth rate was 23.2 (National Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 51, No. 11, 2003). Since 1999, Wisconsin has experienced a decline in this rate. Ongoing efforts toward teen pregnancy prevention should continue this rate decline.

a) Report of 2003 Major Activities

1. Pregnancy and pregnancy prevention services for adolescents—Direct Health Care Services—Adolescents

Through the Performance Based contracts, a number of LPHDs and others continued to provide perinatal and other health care services to teenagers, including reproductive health care. Local projects that had been funded by the APPPS Board ended 6/30/03.

2. Health education and training—Enabling Services—Adolescents

LPHDs continued to provide health education via Postponing Sexual Involvement, Baby Think It Over, "Girl's Night Out", Positive Teen Group, individual counseling on healthy behaviors, working with local coalitions, etc. The seventh annual teen pregnancy prevention and intervention conference was held July 2003. Lt. Governor, Barbara Lawton, delivered a keynote.

3. Implementation of Wisconsin's Medicaid Family Planning Waiver—Population-Based Services—Adolescents

Wisconsin's Medicaid Family Planning Waiver (FPW) benefit was implemented January 2003. It provides family planning services and supplies for women 15 through 44 who are at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The main goal of the project is to help women avoid unintended pregnancy. In 2003, the FPW benefit helped 5,546 female teens aged 15-19 years old.

4. Abstinence activities and resource development—Infrastructure Building Services—Adolescents

DPH was given oversight for the Abstinence Program in fall 2003. WAIY established 12 WAIY Regions for implementation of program strategies including establishment of WAIY Clubs, True 2 Life youth speaker team, radio PSAs, etc. The APPC set new goals/strategies and established seven subcommittees to work on them. Goals are: Decrease the percentage of Wisconsin youth who have had sexual intercourse by 39% in 2001 to 30% by 2010 and increase the percentage who will choose consistent and correct use of contraception from 76% in 2001 to 87% in 2010. The Subcommittees are Networking; Resources Online; Training, Curriculum and Education; Awareness; Community Response Teams; APPC Oversight; and Health Care.

b) Current 2004 Activities

1. Pregnancy care and pregnancy prevention services for adolescents—Direct Health Care Services—Adolescents

As in 2003, through the Performance Based contracts, LPHDs continue to provide perinatal and other health care services, including reproductive health care.

2. Health education and training—Enabling Services—Adolescents

A number of LPHDs will continue to provide health education via a variety of methods, e.g., Postponing Sexual Involvement curriculum, *Baby Think It Over*, "Girls Night Out", etc. The seventh annual teen pregnancy prevention and intervention conference is scheduled for July 30 and 31.

3. Wisconsin's Medicaid Family Planning Waiver—Population-Based Services—Women and adolescents

This benefit continues to provide direct pregnancy prevention and reproductive health care services to adolescents.

4. Abstinence activities and resource development—Infrastructure Building Services—Adolescents

WAIY continues work on its goals and strategies, including the development of a health care tool for promoting abstinence for health care providers. WAIY Club establishment, free presentations, training, resource and information sharing continue. APPC continues to increase its partnerships. A web-based survey was conducted early in 2004 to determine ideas regarding training needs, interest in a statewide coalition, and areas of concern for survey participants to rank. Web page updates are in place and activities for the promotion of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day/Month in May were organized (see website at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/teenpregnancy/index.htm>).

With DPI and supplemental funding through CDC-DASH, a steering committee was developed to work on strengthening CCC among state-level agencies to improve sexual risk behavior prevention for school-age youth. At the end of that project, one of our ongoing activities is the planning of an Adolescent Sexual Risk Behavior Prevention Institute scheduled for August in Milwaukee. Additional funding to continue CCC efforts is being applied for.

c) 2005 Plan/Application

1. Pregnancy care and pregnancy prevention services for adolescents—Direct Health Care Services—Adolescents

Health care regarding teen pregnancy and pregnancy prevention is a need frequently identified in community needs assessments. It is anticipated that a number of LPHDs will continue their local efforts toward this issue. Publicly-funded family planning providers will continue to serve adolescents.

2. Health education and training—Enabling Services—Adolescents

Health education, including reproductive health, will continue to be provided through a variety of methods. Identified statewide training will continue.

3. Wisconsin's Medicaid Family Planning Waiver (FPW)—Population-Based Services—Women and adolescents

FPW outreach and services will continue to reach 15-44 year olds who are at or below 185% FPL.

4. Abstinence activities and resource development—Infrastructure Building Services—Adolescents

APPC, WAIY, and others will continue working on their goals/strategies to impact the teen birth rate in Wisconsin. Partnerships developed and enhanced during 2003 and 2004 will be continued.

5. Implementation of Wisconsin State Health Plan—Infrastructure Building Services—Adolescents

Implementation of High-Risk Sexual Behavior Health Priority is ongoing. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services has been identified as a priority in Governor Doyle's recently released “KidsFirst” Initiative,

<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docs/kidsfirst.pdf> .